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REPORT

TOPIC Rothenburg Airfield

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 19 July 1954REFERENCES

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This is UNEVALUATED

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- ☐ 1. In early May 1954, intensive construction was under way at Rothenburg airfield. Excavation work was being done in the wooded area east of the billeting area, along the Lodenau-Rothenburg railroad line, where a number of fuel containers were stored. There, the Lodenau-Rothenburg road was being relocated to the east, while the old road was still being used, although warning signs were established, 25X1

2. Approximately at the beginning of May, a freight train with about 150 Soviet Air Force soldiers, construction machines and implements, including mostly tractors, plows and levellers arrived at the field. The detail began to do leveling work and to mow the grass. 25X1

3. A concrete road, 6 to 7 meters wide, branched off from Bremenhein-Dunkelhaeuser road approximately at kilometer marker 4.3. Concrete work was being done on a construction site near the branch road which extended westward into the wood. The mixed concrete was hauled on vehicles to the construction site, where apparently an ammunition was under construction. 25X1

- ☐ 4. From conversations overheard in a construction headquarters in May it was inferred that construction work at Rothenburg airfield was nearing completion. It could not be determined whether the completion prior to the fixed date was possibly connected with the fact that only one taxiway with hardstands was built there. Construction superintendent Schuetze (fnu) was no longer stationed at the field. 25X1

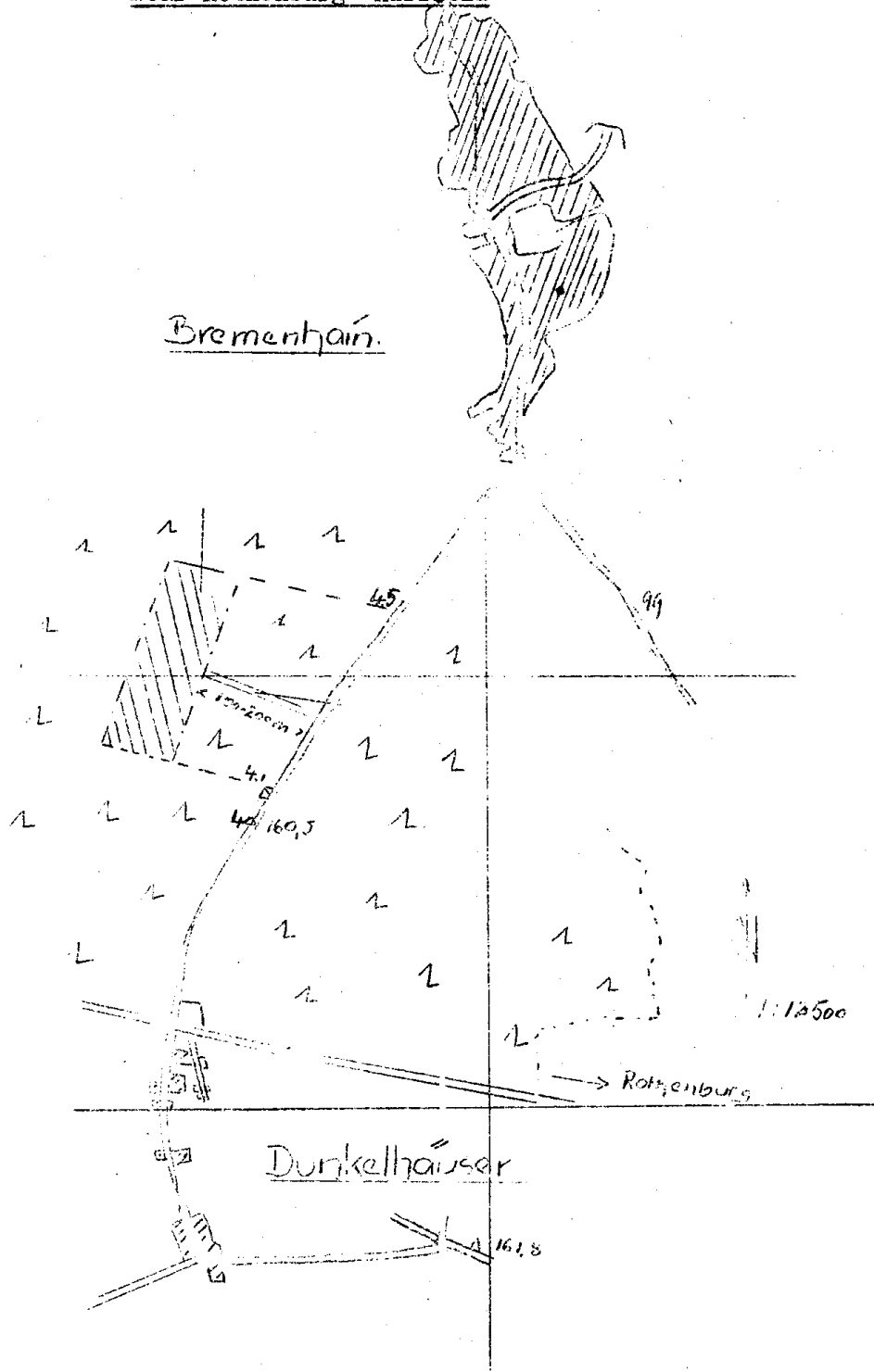
☐ Comment. Most of the construction work at Rothenburg airfield is probably completed. It is assumed that the airfield will be serviceable by the fall of 1954. It appears that only one taxiway has been constructed at the eastern end of the runway. For location sketch of assumed ammunition dump, furnished by source 1, see annex. 25X1

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